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engaging the attention of the Government and that they were very closely and sympathetically considering it. So, the answer that the Hon. the Minister for Jails to-day gave regarding this prisoner came as a surprise. Is it to be taken, Sir, that the Hon. the Chief Minister's answer that the question of release is under consideration is not correct?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Sir, my answer has borne out the fact stated by the Hon. the Chief Minister. It was in pursuance of such consideration that one person was ordered to be released."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Government will consider the case of Chirakkal Kunhiraman Nambiar, who is a lifer, in view of the fact that the so-called offence committed by him took place in 1946, that is, before August 1947, and also in view of the fact that he was one of the Volunteer Officers?"

THE HON. SRI K. P. KUTTIKRISHNAN NAYAR:—"Sir, the Government have already considered his case."

Payment of allowance to election staff.

*255 *Q.*—SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the staff employed by the Government on the polling day of the last General Elections have not yet been paid the allowance due to them; and

(*b*) if so, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(*a*) In some districts, where some of the polling personnel have not yet been paid their travelling allowance, the Collectors have been instructed to settle these claims without any avoidable delay.

"(*b*) The delay in these cases is due to such causes as late submission of bills by the polling personnel and defective preparation of the bills."

SRI N. SIVARAMI REDDI:—"Sir, are the Government aware that a lorry carrying polling staff consisting of some non-gazetted officers in Cuddapah district turned upside down while crossing the ghats in the Seshachalam forest, causing serious injury to the polling personnel? Full details of this have been published in the dailies. Are the Government providing any relief to the victims of this accident?"

MR. SPEAKER:—"This question deals with the payment of travelling allowance to the election staff and the point raised by the hon. Member is in no way connected with it."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—"Sir, will the polling staff be paid their travelling allowances before the next General Elections?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"Sir, I do not know when the hon. Member expects the next General Elections."